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15 Years of Building Hong Kong **The CIC Leads the Industry towards a New Digital Era**

Hong Kong • 31 October 2022 – Established in 2007, the Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formerly known as the Construction Industry Training Authority. The CIC has been nurturing numerous talents over the years to become the key pillars of the industry, driving the construction of various major infrastructure projects, new development areas, buildings for industrial and commercial uses, and livelihood-related projects. The CIC grows and builds the future with Hong Kong.

To celebrate the 15th anniversary of the CIC, the “Celebration for the 15th Anniversary of the Construction Industry Council and the Hong Kong Construction Exhibition Grand Opening Ceremony” was held in M+ of West Kowloon Cultural District today. The Guests of Honour, the Honourable John LEE, Chief Executive of HKSAR Government, Ms. Bernadette LINN, Secretary for Development, Ms. Winnie HO, Secretary for Housing and Ir Ricky LAU, Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), together with Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC and Ir Albert CHENG, Executive Director of the CIC officiated at the opening ceremony.

Mr. John LEE, Chief Executive of HKSAR Government addressed, “With these visionary developmental plans in the pipeline, and the strong impetus for growth in the Mainland, Hong Kong is destined to rise further as a city of boundless opportunities. In the next few years, the Government’s annual capital works expenditure is anticipated to exceed \$100 billion. Hong Kong’s annual construction volume is expected to grow to \$300 billion in future.” He said that the Government will press on with formulating measures to uplift the productivity of the construction industry, drive the development of high productivity construction methods, such as Modular Integrated Construction (MiC), across the industry, and continue to lead the region in the adoption of MiC in the construction industry.

Ir Thomas HO, Chairman of the CIC said that Hong Kong, such a beautiful city, is gradually constructed and developed by the construction industry. After years of development, the operation of the industry has transformed from conventional labour-intensive to wide adoption of digital construction technologies. Modular integrated Construction (MiC) is also introduced to other aspects which greatly enhances productivity, sustainability and

safety. Over the past 15 years, the CIC has stood by the people of Hong Kong through thick and thin, all problems and challenges faced were eventually solved. He added that the CIC is committed to the mission of nurturing new talents. In the year 2021, more than 60,000 practitioners were trained and helped alleviate labour shortage. The CIC will fully support the Policy Address, continue to train new talents and introduce more construction advanced technologies. The CIC will make every effort to boost the productivity of the industry and support the development of infrastructure in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Construction Exhibition for the CIC's 15th anniversary showcases the history of industry development. One of the exhibits, "Building ∞ Future" Digital LED Runway, introduces how new technologies help transform and modernise the construction industry throughout the construction lifecycle, from design, off-site and in-situ construction to facility management. Visitors can interact with our Safety Ambassador to learn about safety practices through the Safety Hologram. Various pillars and panels display the world class infrastructure in Hong Kong and the millstones of the CIC.

The "Construction Innovation Expo 2022" will be launched in December 2022, to bring advanced construction technologies from around the world, allowing the industry to grasp the opportunities for high-tech development and explore more business opportunities. Together with the launching of the first ever industry-wide publicity campaign named "Design for Future, Build for Life", the CIC hopes to promote public understanding of the industry and its professional contribution to the society.

Over the past years, the CIC drives for unity of the construction industry of Hong Kong. As the key communication platform between the Government and the industry, the CIC is empowered to formulate codes of conduct, administer registration and rating schemes, steer forward research and manpower development and promote good practices. The CIC leads the industry to step forward, and also encourages wide adoption of innovation technologies to elevate the quality of construction. This anniversary celebration reviews and shows appreciation to the contributions of the construction industry. Together we look ahead to our future development. "Enhancing quantity, speed, efficiency and quality" will continue to be a goal of the CIC and the construction industry, training new talents and professionals, driving long-term planning as well as economic development of Hong Kong. Let's build a better Hong Kong and uplift the quality of life together.

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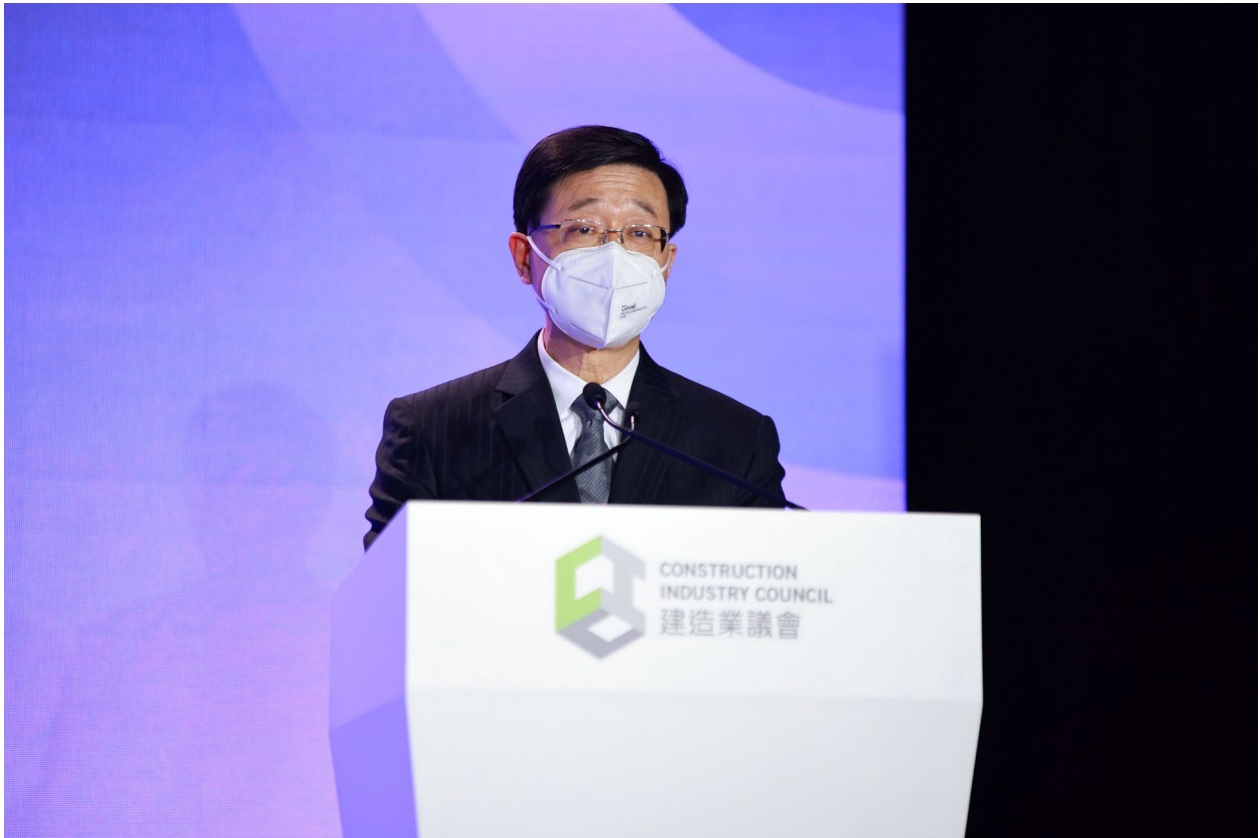


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About Construction Industry Council

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) was formed on 1 February 2007. CIC consists of a chairman and 24 members representing various sectors of the industry including employers, professionals, academics, contractors, workers, independent persons and Government officials.

The main functions of CIC are to forge consensus on long-term strategic issues, convey the industry's needs and aspirations to Government, provides professional training and registration service, as well as provide a communication channel for Government to solicit advice on all construction-related matters.

For more information about Construction Industry Council, welcome to www.cic.hk.